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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:	)
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James E. Akiyama	) Examiner: Unassigned
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Serial No.: 09/164,898	) Art Unit: 2751
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Filed: October 1, 1998	)
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For: VIRTUALIZED STRIPING	)
CONTROLLER	)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR: Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above application.

_____ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by
a verified statement previously submitted.

_____ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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					Rate	Additional Fee		Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	* 15	Minus	** 20	0	x9	$ 0		x18	$ 0
Indep. Claims	* 6	Minus	*** 6	0	x39	$ 0		x78	$ 0
	First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s)				+130	$ 0		+260	$ 0
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_____ A check in the amount of $_____ is attached for presentation of additional claim(s).

_____ Applicant(s) hereby Petition(s) for an Extension of Time of ____( ) month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

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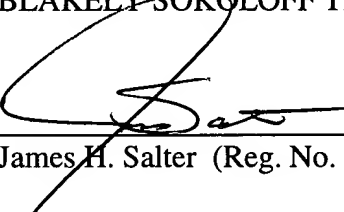
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Respectfully submitted,

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In re application of:

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 21, 2000, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to amend the application and consider the following remarks. Claims that have not been amended are included for the Examiner's convenience.

IN THE DRAWINGS

As requested by Examiner, corrections to drawing figures 1, 2 and 5 have been made. Red-line changes to the informal drawings have been submitted. Formal drawings will be submitted upon allowance of the patent application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On Page 10, line 15, replace "600001" with --100001--.
On Page 10, line 16, replace "60000" with --100000--.
On Page 10, line 17, replace "600060" with --100010--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1 1. (Twice Amended) A striping disk controller and disk drive system for a computer system

2 wherein said computer system includes a CPU connected to a system bus and executes an

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